

St Andrew's Academy
Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Week commencing 2nd November 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and, for those who celebrate, a fun Halloween. As we begin the second half of the autumn term, we are looking forward to the busy and exciting weeks ahead as we work towards Christmas. Classes will be enjoying a range of engaging activities alongside focused learning opportunities. A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on **Friday 27th November** for an INSET day. This will bring together staff from schools across Derby for a city-wide focus on inclusion, providing an opportunity for mainstream and special schools to share knowledge, expertise and best practice. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or would simply like a chat, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are always happy to help.

Beyond 16: Spaces still available!



Parent's Survey

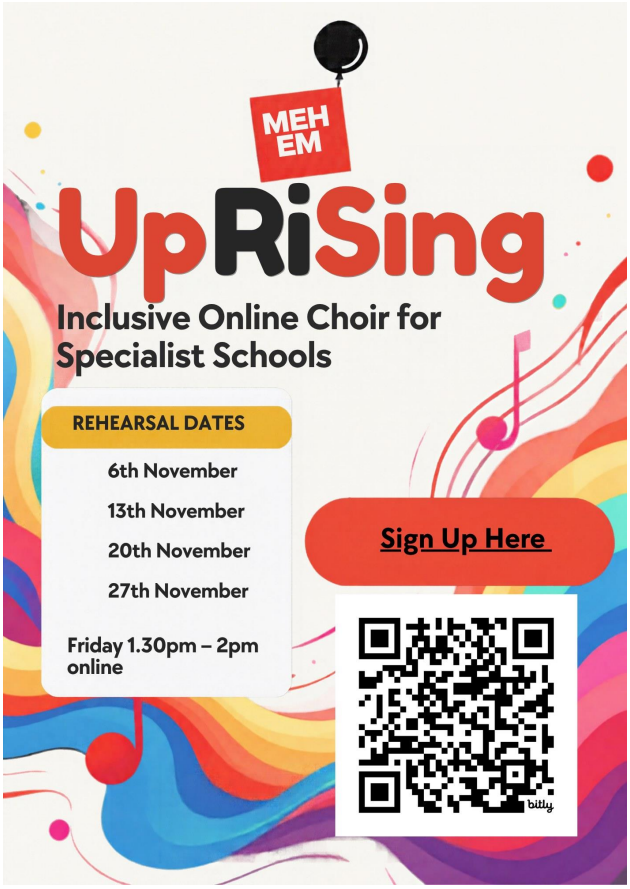
If you have a few spare minutes we'd love to hear your feedback;

https://edurio.com/s/open/survey/3KS4KLHRq43eRRArchflaRFngNB

Children In Need - Pyjama Day this Friday 13th Nov



Online Choir!



WE HAVE MOVED TO ARBOR!



KS3

Bute Class have been learning to play table cricket this month. The students have been practising their batting skills, taking turns and learning how to play the game. Everyone has had the opportunity to get involved, have a go and develop their skills at their own pace. It's been great to see the students enjoying trying something new!

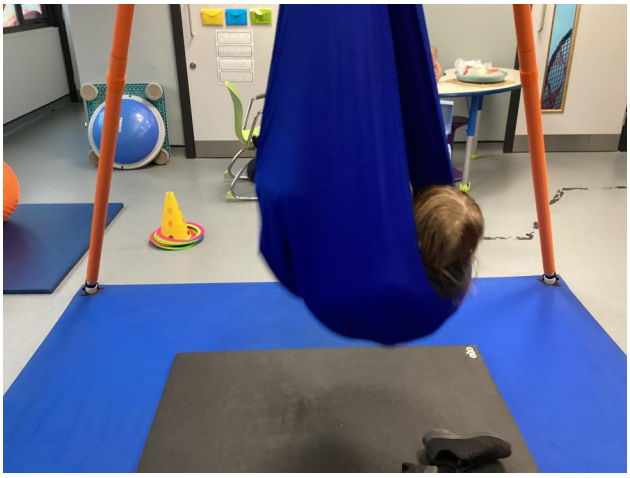




Therapy Input


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Students have been enjoying some heavy work from rolling over and holding their weight through their hands, to hanging in the cuddle swing or alternative seating when at the table. This gives them lots of deep proprioception as well as vestibular input, which is great for calming the nervous system and helping towards regulation. Great work everyone :)





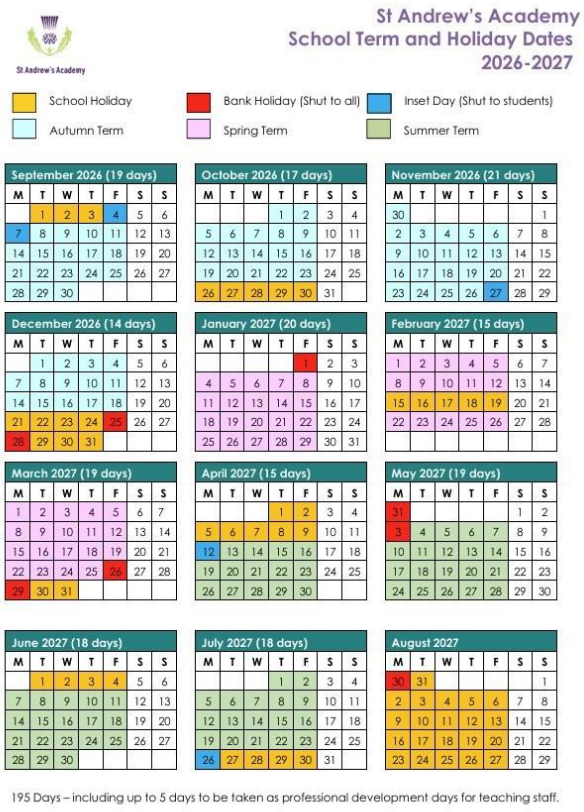


Derby SEND Tribunal survey

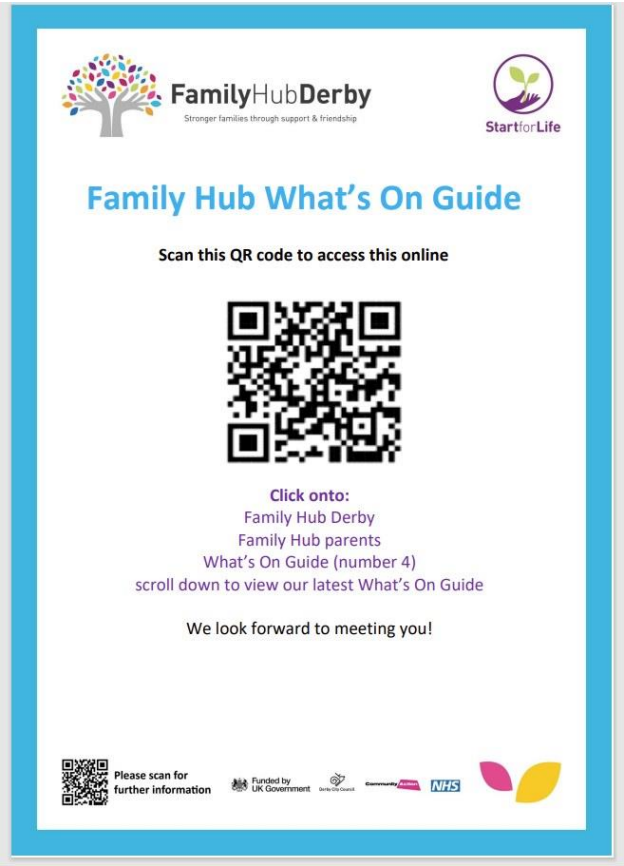
We do also currently have a survey running to gather views of families who have either gone through or started on a tribunal journey. If you feel that this would apply to any of your parent carers, we would really appreciate you sharing this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8oEJfMSx9LuZOiGSezJx3a_35Jj8uH60KqT7mlx5ZhBtB3A/viewform?usp=header

School Term and Holiday Dates



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